है। इसके अलावा, राज्यों और संघ शासित प्रदेशों को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत गेहूं का आवंटन दिसम्बर, 1990 में 7.71 लाख मीटरी टन से बढ़ा कर जनवरी, 1991 में 8.07 लाख मीटरी टन कर दिया गया था । सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए आवंटन को और बढ़ाकर फरवरी में 9.35 लाख मीटरी टन कर दिया गया । राज्यों को यह सलाह भी दी गई है कि वे थोक विक्रेताओं और खुदरा विक्रताओं के लिए स्टाक रखने की सीमाओं को कम करें और स्टाक रखने की सीमाओं को कड़ाई से लागू करें । इन उपायों से खाड़ी युद्ध के कारण खुले बाजार में उच्चतम सीमा तक पहुंच गेहूं के मूल्यों में कमी आई है ।

Proposal to start "Palace on Wheels"

*19. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a "Palace on Wheels" in the South also on the model of the one run between Delhi and Jaiselmer;

(b) if so, by when it would be introduced and what would be its itinerary;

(c) what would be the cost of running it and what revenue Government expect to earn; and

(d) what is the revenue earned and expenditure incurred on the Delhi-Jaiselmer "Palace on Wheels" at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c) A proposal to run "Palace on Wheels' like train in Southern India is under examination, and, a view has yet to be taken.

(d) During 1989-90, Railway earned a revenue of Rs. 1.50 crores on the 753 RS—2. "Palace on Wheels" and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 1.53 crores on the basis of fully distributed cost and Rs. 0.93 crores on the basis of direct costs.

Requirement of Foodgrains

*20. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total food stock available with Government and what is the requirement of the various States for different foodgrains;

(b) what is the demand from Maha. rashtra specially from Bombay city; and

(c) to what extent Bombay's requirement is being met?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH); (a) The total stocks] of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in the Central Pool as on 1-2-1991 stood at 18,0 million tonnes. The total distribution of foodgrains from Central Pool during 1989-90 was 14.82 million tonnes (rice and wheat).

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharsshtra has demanded allocation of 55 000 tonnes of rice and 1.25.000 tonnes of wheat from the Central '; Pool for the Public Distribution System for the month of March, 1991. The State has been allocated 45.000 tonnes of rice and 1,20,000 tonnes of wheat. The distribution of foodgrains within the State is the responsibility of the State Government

Setting up of National Potato Board

t SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Potato Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned States have been consulted in this matter,